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## IMPORTANT DATES

|               |                                       |
|---------------|---------------------------------------|
| Feb 22        | Academic Meet<br>for 4th & 5th grades |
| Mar 5 &<br>6  | School Pictures                       |
| Mar 11-<br>15 | Spring Break                          |
| Mar 19-<br>22 | Achievement Testing                   |
| Mar 25        | Fourth Quarter Begins                 |
| Mar 29        | Easter Holiday                        |
| April 12      | Spring Classic                        |

## A Message from Mr. Voss

Happy New Year everyone. I know it's been six weeks since January 1st, however, since this is the first Cougar Chronicle of 2013, I thought I would begin with the happy New Year moniker. Speaking of happy, North Texas Christian Academy is definitely a happy place. Academic achievements, muffins, donuts, academic meets, baptisms, accredited staff, gifted and talented students, service projects, and snow ball fights (check with your Kindergartener on that one) all make for a happy place at NTCA.

Be sure to put April 12 on your calendar for the NTCA Spring Classic. Our speaker will be Gene Stallings, coach at Texas A&M, the Cardinals, and Alabama. More details coming soon!

**Gene Stallings**  
**April 12th**

**Save the Date**

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## Averì Carlson Cougar of the Quarter

Averì is a precious example of a content young lady. She never complains and always has a wonderful, cooperative attitude. She is an incredible student who cares about doing her best. Averì works well with all the students in her class and treats each one with respect. Though she is very talented, I have never heard her brag on herself. She does, however, compliment her classmates in an encouraging way. It is a delight to be a part of Averì's education, and this is why we are thrilled that she is the Cougar of the Quarter!

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## Students of the Week



December Virtue: Compassion

January Virtue: Determination



### December 10th

Zimmerman, Grace  
Keller, Claire  
Jones, Jackson  
Simes, Abby  
Ranney, Samantha

### December 17th

Marwitz, Natalie  
Hicks, McKenna  
Shaw, Dylan  
Kearl, Zachary  
Carlson, Averì  
Humphrey, Peyton

### January 7th

Dooley, Mara  
Eicher, Abbie  
Kearl, Zachary  
Sheffey, Schelby  
King, Eleanor  
Ibanez, Addison

### January 14th

Simpkins, Alex  
Foster, Bailey  
Chacon, Elisa  
Miesen, Erika  
Keller, Chloe  
Chowning, Aivlyn



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## Middle School News

### Lexie's Baptism

By Schelby Sheffey

Exciting things happened at NTCA on Wednesday, January 23, 2013! Lexie Bartlett gave her life to Christ through baptism. Lexie is a 6<sup>th</sup> grader at NTCA. She was baptized by James Voss, the principal. The whole school was able to attend the baptism, and Mr. Voss gave a wonderful lesson on baptism and its significance in our lives. Lexie made a great decision and everyone is so proud of her.



### New Service Projects for the Spring in 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade

By Wylie Eicher

Lately, the 5th-8th graders have been going to the food pantry to make food sacks for the less fortunate. Since helping with this ministry, we have noticed there are several items that run low in the food pantry each week. If anyone would like to help fill the pantry, these are the foods we have noticed that are low in supply:

- ◇ Macaroni and cheese
- ◇ Jell-O
- ◇ Jelly
- ◇ Peanut butter
- ◇ Cereal
- ◇ Canned meat
- ◇ Canned corn
- ◇ Canned green beans
- ◇ Syrup
- ◇ Dried rice
- ◇ Dried beans

Another service project we have started is making cards for shut-ins and nursing homes. We are planning on visiting a few this semester to make the residents' day. When we visit, we will sing songs and deliver the cards we made. The 6th-8th grade students will be partnering with Vega Elementary two Wednesdays a month as book buddies for their 2nd grade. We will be reading reader's theater plays. The service projects have been a lot of fun this year, and we can't wait for more opportunities to serve.

### N. U. T. Day Passes

By Lexie Bartlett

We hope you bought your N.U.T. Day passes for this year. N.U.T. Day stands for No Uniform Tuesdays. This fundraiser is to help raise funds for our yearly Academic meet for the 4th-8th graders. All Students were allowed to buy up to 15 passes for \$5.00 each. Thanks to all those who bought passes.

### Academic Meet

By Greg Newland

This year, students will practice and compete in various activities at our annual academic meet. The 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be going February 22<sup>nd</sup> to Fort Worth to compete in math, Bible, oral poetry, picture memory, music memory, and spelling. They are working hard on getting ready for the events. The 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders will be going in April, and have started working on their yearly group acting performance. They will be doing a play called "Checonstinestanslavemeyerholdski Method." It is a humorous play about a famous acting coach, and his crazy antics to teach acting students. The group performing will hopefully get to share their performance with the school at a later date. The academic meets are a great extra-curricular activity that students can participate in at the school, and should be a great experience for all who participate.



## 4H News

In January, four NTCA 4-H members participated in the Collin County Food Show. Sara Zimmerman, Brady Zimmerman, Grace Zimmerman, and Masyn Hoke competed and all won ribbons. Even more exciting news is that Sara Zimmerman is advancing to district. We are thrilled to have her compete at this level. This is a first for NTCA. Next up for members is to prepare for the Collin County Photography contest.



Mr. Voss enjoys a little reading time with Kindergarten.

Robotics students are hard at work, and having fun too.





## In the Classrooms



**Kindergarten Readiness** studied different cultures/traditions while doing a Christmas Around the Unit. We have also been working on our Winter Season unit. We are continuing to learn our letters and sounds. We are very busy in KR!

**Kindergarten** has been working hard since we returned to school in January. We have been learning all about animals and community helpers. Mr. Voss even came to speak about his job and some of our parents shared information about their jobs too. We learned so much! In reading, we have learned all of our letters and are starting on the blends and our reading groups are so much fun! In math, we have learned many new adding games that we play with partners. We also had our fun "Snow Day" on the 24<sup>th</sup> where we wore our p.j.'s and made awesome winter art things.

**First Grade** has been very busy since returning from Christmas break. One "cool" event was winter fun day. This day was full of special winter themed activities. We finished reading the book, "Charlotte's Web" earlier in the week, and enjoyed lounging in our pajamas while watching the movie, eating popcorn, and drinking hot chocolate. We also recently celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> day

of school. We played a variety of games pertaining to the number 100, and made bird feeders with 100 sunflower seeds. It was an exciting milestone in our school year. We have been learning about space in science this past month, and had a blast making the phases of the moon with Oreo cookies. This was a yummy way to study the reason the moon looks different from night to night. The first grade class is looking forward to many other exciting activities coming up this next month too.

**Third Grade** just finished a unit on subtraction in math and are about to begin learning perimeter. In Language Arts, we have completed a unit that covers the writing trait, organization. The students worked together to write a story about the worst day ever at NTCA. It is quite entertaining and is full of organizational words. This week, we wrote dialogues that focused on voice. Next week, we will begin our novel, Little House in the Big Woods. We are experimenting and learning about plants this month in Science. We are learning some old time hymns to share with some new friends in a local nursing home and have enjoyed hauling clothes to the clothes closet for our service project.

### February Lunchroom Volunteers

Please contact Rachel Keller to volunteer in the lunchroom.

Rachel's email address is: [racheltkeller@gmail.com](mailto:racheltkeller@gmail.com) & cell phone is: [469-667-4007](tel:469-667-4007)

Volunteer Time: 11:45am – 12:30pm

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|-------------------------------------|---|--|--|-----------------------------------|
| 18<br>Jeff Sawyer<br>Joe Hicks      | 19<br>Brenda Bartlett<br>Shelai Mullins | 20<br>Talitha Eicher<br>James Shaw     | 21<br>Stephanie Grisham<br>Alessandra Sawyer | 22<br>Jeff Sawyer<br>Shay Chaffin |
| 25<br>Jeff Sawyer<br>Anndria Wilson | 26<br>Shelai Mullins<br>Brooke Nicholls | 27<br>Talitha Eicher<br>Summer Cochran | 28<br>Holly Milstead<br>Shannon Humphrey     |                                   |



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